

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended and claims 37 and 38 added. The Application now contains claims 1, 37 and 38. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and in other applications.

Claim 1 stands rejected under rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Savitzky in view of Rautila. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites an information input-output device comprising “a service provision unit which has a database relating to services that can be provided to a user of the device, and provides an output job code for a service to be provided to the user; and an input-output control unit which receives data from said service provision unit, and the output job code, and outputs data associated with the output job code.” The service provision unit determines the output job code for the user who can be provided with the service. According to claim 1, “said input-output control unit receives the data, the output job code, and then outputs the data associated with the output job code.” Applicant respectfully submits that these limitations are not taught or suggested by Savitzky or Rautila, even when the references are combined.

Specifically, neither reference teaches or suggests an “an input-output control unit which receives data from said service provision unit, and the output job code, and outputs data associated with the output job code.” Savitzky, in contrast to the claimed invention, teaches a Web agency allowing communications between a Web client and Web server. The Web agency is interposed between a Web client and a Web server to transform requests from the Web client prior to sending the requests on to the Web server (see Abstract). The Web client and the Web server are programmed to communicate with each other using a protocol such as HTTP (col. 5, lines 1-14).

The Office Action combines Savitzky with Rautila as disclosing this missing feature. Rautila relates to a communication system including an information source (memory) 20, and a position transceiver 14 disposed at a broadcast location 16 and coupled to the information source 20 (see Abstract). The position transceiver 14 broadcasts information from the information source 20 within a broadcast area 18. The information includes identification information relating to the information source 20. The communication system also includes a mobile terminal 12 having first and second transceivers within the broadcast area, a network 42 communicating with the second transceiver, and a database 26 communicating with the network 42. The first transceiver communicates with the position transceiver 14. The database 26 transmits information associated with the identification information to the second transceiver when the database 26 receives at least the identification information transmitted from the mobile terminal 12 owned by the user via the network.

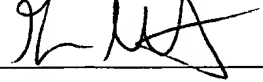
Applicant respectfully submits, however, that the cited combination does not teach or suggest an information input-output device comprising a service provision unit and "an input-output control unit which receives data from said service provision unit, and the output job code, and outputs data associated with the output job code." As such, the cited combination fails to teach or suggest the claim 1 invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection should be withdrawn and claim 1 allowed.

New claims 37 and 38 are also believed to be allowable over the cited combination, since the cited combination fails to teach or suggest "receiving an output job code corresponding to the data output process; and outputting the data associated with the output job code."

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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